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YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a National Policy on youth; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the said policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Government had formulated and tabled the National Youth Policy in 1988. However, need was felt to revise the National Youth Policy, taking into consideration the emergent needs of the Youth and rapid socio-economic changes in the country. Accordingly, a draft new National Youth Policy has been formulated. The draft Policy proposes to lower the defining age of Youth from 15-35 years to 13-35 years so as to include therein a large segment of the Adolescents.

2. The thrust areas, according to the draft Policy are:-

(i) Youth Empowerment;

(ii) Gender Justice;

(iii) Inter-Sectoral Approach; and

(iv) Information and Research Network.

3. The draft Policy also recognizes the following sectors as the key-sectors of concern for the Youth:-

(a) Education

(b) Training and Employment

(c) Health and Family Welfare

(d) Preservation of Environment, Ecology and Wild life

(e) Recreation and Sports

(f) Arts and Culture

(g) Science and Technology; and

(h) Civics and Citizenship.